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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, S A, IR

SUBJECT: AMMUNITION FOR F-5' S

REF: STATE 64812 (NOTAL)

1. STATUS REPORT ( AS GIVEN REFTEL ON OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE PROMPT DELIVERY F-5 AMMUNITION TO SAUDI ARABIA WAS PRESENTED BY B/ GEN SMITH, CHSUMTM, TO DEPUTY MINDEF PRINCE TURKI APRIL 8. HE WAS INFORMED IN GENERAL TERMS SUBSTANCE PARAS ONE, FIVE AND SIX REFTEL. NON- AVAILABILITY OF NAPALM AND CBUS AS MATTER OF FIRM USG POLICY WAS RE- EXPLAINED TO PRINCE AND HE ACCEPTED STATEMENTS WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION. STATUS AVAILABILITY BDU-33' S WAS DESCRIBED.
2. WITH REGARD RADAR, PRINCE TURKI RE- EMPHASIZED SAUDI DESIRE FOR EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY. DECLARED BRITISH HAD INFORMED HIM THERE WAS MARCONI RADAR OF APPROPRIATE TYPE WHICH MIGHT BE DELIVERED WITHOUT DELAY. GEN SMITH  
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RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE EVALUATION THIS ITEM WITHOUT FURTHER STUDY AND MENTIONED WE CONTINUING INVESTIGATE HOW MEET SAUDI REQUEST. TURKI RE- ASSERTED STRONG SAUDI DESIRE SOME TYPE OF ADEQUATE MOBILE RADAR AVAILABLE FOR UTILIZATION IN SOUTHERN REGION IN NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS , EITHER NEW OR RECONDITIONED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION SAG SHOULD APPROACH IRANIANS DIRECTLY TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY FROM THEM OF DESIRED ITEMS, PRINCE TURKI REPLIED EMPHATICALLY THAT IT IS KING' S POSITION USG SHOULD OBTAIN ITEMS FROM ANY SOURCE AVAILABLE AND THAT SAG IS RELYING ON USG.

4. APPEARS THAT FOR REASONS WHICH MAY IN PART BE PERSONAL, BUT WHICH MAY ALSO INVOLVE SAUDI SENSE OF PRIDE AND DESIRE NOT BE BEHOLDEN TO IRANIAN NEIGHBOR, KING WISHES RSAF' S MUNITIONS REQUESTS TO BE SATISFIED BY USG DIRECTLY. WE DOUBT THAT ANYONE IN MODA WILL WANT TO REOPEN THIS QUESTION WITH HIM.

5. ACCORDINGLY, IT SEEMS TO US THAT IF ANY TRANSFERS TO BE MADE FROM IRANIAN STOCKS, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED BY US AND TAKE PLACE UNDER OUR AUSPICES. POINT TO BE STRESSED IS THAT SPEED OF US RESPONSE SEEMS FOREMOST CONSIDERATION IN KING' S THINKING. COSTS SECONDARY AND IF SAUDIS CAN OBTAIN FASTER RESPONSE BY GREATER EXPENSE, WOULD HOPE THAT ALL OPTIONS COULD BE PRESENTED FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION .  
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